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The General Assembly, recalling its decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994, decides that, from the date of adoption of the present decision and without prejudice to the relevant financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, all financial contributions of Ukraine to the Organization shall be counted against the minimum payments required to avoid the loss of voting rights in the General Assembly under provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly, recalling its decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994, decides that, from the date of adoption of the present decision and without prejudice to the relevant financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, all financial contributions of the Republic of Belarus and Ukraine to the Organization shall be counted against the minimum payments required to avoid the loss of voting rights in the General Assembly under the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations.

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Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

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Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming the relevant Articles of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its resolution 48/218 B of 29 July 1994,

Having evaluated and reviewed the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, as called for in paragraph 13 of resolution 48/218 B,

Reaffirming its role as one of the principal organs of the Organization as laid out in the Charter,

Reaffirming also that the purpose of the Office of Internal Oversight Services is to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities in respect of the staff and the resources of the Organization,

Reaffirming further its resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and the regulations and rules of the United Nations,

Reaffirming the separate and distinct roles of internal and external oversight mechanisms,

1. *Reaffirms* its resolution 48/218 B, subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

2. *Also reaffirms* its role as the principal oversight organ of the Organization;

3. *Recognizes* the importance of the Office of Internal Oversight Services in continuing to assist the Secretary-General in fulfilling his internal oversight responsibilities;

Reporting

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to transmit the reports of the Office of Internal Oversight Services to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, in conformity

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with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to make substantive comments, as appropriate, on the findings and recommendations, and to ensure that the views of the concerned departments on the recommendations are included in the body of the report;

Functions

6. *Emphasizes* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall conduct its internal oversight activities strictly in full conformity with General Assembly resolution 48/218 B and subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

7. *Reaffirms* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services, with respect to its inspection and evaluation functions, shall evaluate the efficiency and the effectiveness of the implementation of the programmes and legislative mandates of the Organization, in accordance with paragraph 5 (c) (iii) of General Assembly resolution 48/218 B;

8. *Emphasizes* also that the approval, change and discontinuation of legislative mandates are the exclusive prerogatives of intergovernmental legislative bodies;

9. *Stresses* that the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall not propose to the General Assembly any change in the legislative decisions and mandates approved by intergovernmental legislative bodies;

10. *Recognizes* that the Secretary-General can submit to the General Assembly any proposal for change in the legislative decisions and mandates through the appropriate channels;

Coordination

11. *Emphasizes* the importance of coordination among oversight bodies, and welcomes the periodic meetings between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and the external oversight bodies;

12. *Reaffirms* that the Board of Auditors and the Joint Inspection Unit shall be provided with copies of all reports produced by the Office of Internal Oversight Services, requests that these be made available within one month of their finalization, and further emphasizes the need for their comments, as appropriate;

13. *Decides* to revert to the question referred to in paragraph 11 of its resolution 48/218 B in the context of its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on enhancing the internal oversight mechanisms in operational funds and programmes[1] and in this connection requests the Secretary-General to update the information in that report;

14. *Also decides* to consider this question at an early stage at its fifty-fifth session;

15. *Further decides* that institutional arrangements governing reimbursements of costs between the Office of Internal Oversight Services and United Nations funds and programmes should be made in accordance with the relevant rules and regulations of the respective funds and programmes, including decisions, as appropriate, by their legislative bodies;

[1] A/51/801.

Investigations

16. *Stresses* that, in respect of the investigation function of the Office of Internal Oversight Services, the Secretary-General shall provide procedures to protect individual rights of staff, including those of staff members making reports to the Investigation Section, and to regulate due process and fairness for all parties concerned;

17. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly for its consideration and action, in conformity with the relevant provisions of the Charter of the United Nations and the rules of procedure of the General Assembly, rules and procedures to be applied for the investigation functions performed by the Office of Internal Oversight Services in order to ensure fairness and avoid possible abuse in the investigation process;

Operational independence

18. *Emphasizes* that, in accordance with paragraph 5 (a) of its resolution 48/218 B, the operational independence of the Office of Internal Oversight Services is related to the performance of its internal oversight functions;

19. *Also emphasizes* that recruitment and promotion of staff of the Office of Internal Oversight Services shall be in accordance with the provisions of the Charter, the relevant resolutions and decisions of the General Assembly and staff regulations and rules of the Organization, taking into account Article 101, paragraph 3, of the Charter;

20. *Decides* to evaluate and review the functions and reporting procedures of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and any other matter which it deems appropriate at its fifty-ninth session and to that end to include in the provisional agenda of that session an item entitled "Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/__".

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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Bearing in mind Security Council resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999 regarding the establishment of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo,

Recalling its resolution 53/241 of 28 July 1999 on the financing of the Mission,

Acknowledging the complexity of the Mission,

Reaffirming that the costs of the Mission are expenses of the Organization to be borne by Member States in accordance with Article 17, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations,

Recalling its previous decision regarding the fact that, in order to meet the expenditures caused by the Mission, a different procedure is required from that applied to meet expenditures of the regular budget of the United Nations,

Taking into account the fact that the economically more developed countries are in a position to make relatively larger contributions and that the economically less developed countries have a relatively limited capacity to contribute towards such an operation,

[1] A/54/494 and Corr.1
[2] A/54/622.

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Bearing in mind the special responsibilities of the States permanent members of the Security Council, as indicated in General Assembly resolution 1874 (S-IV) of 27 June 1963, in the financing of such operations,

Noting with appreciation that voluntary contributions have been made to the Mission,

Mindful of the fact that it is essential to provide the Mission with the necessary financial resources to enable it to fulfil its responsibilities under the relevant resolutions of the Security Council,

Recalling its resolutions 51/243 of 15 September 1997 and 52/234 of 26 June 1998,

1. *Take note* of the status of contributions to the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo as at 30 November 1999, including the contributions outstanding in the amount of 50.1 million United States dollars, representing 40 per cent of the total assessed contributions, notes that some 23 per cent of the Member States have paid their assessed contributions in full, and urges all other Member States concerned, in particular those in arrears, to ensure payment of their outstanding assessed contributions;

2. *Expresses its appreciation* to those Member States which have paid their assessed contributions in full;

3. *Urges* all Member States to make every possible effort to ensure payment of their assessed contributions to the Mission in full and on time;

4. *Expresses concern* at the delay experienced by the Secretary-General in deploying and providing adequate resources to some peacekeeping missions, in particular those in Africa;

5. *Emphasizes* that all future and existing peacekeeping missions shall be given equal and non-discriminatory treatment in respect of financial and administrative arrangements;

6. *Also emphasizes* that all peacekeeping missions shall be provided with adequate resources for the effective and efficient discharge of their respective mandates;

7. *Notes* the role of the specialized agencies in the implementation of humanitarian activities in the Mission under pillar II, including those related to technical cooperation, and requests the Secretary-General to finalize agreements with these agencies and to report thereon to the General Assembly in the context of the next budget proposal for the Mission;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General to undertake the study called for by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the use of United Nations Volunteers in peacekeeping operations and to report to the General Assembly during the main part of its fifty-fifth session;

9. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to fully comply with the guidelines on the acceptance of gratis personnel approved by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/234;

10. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to make the fullest possible use of facilities and equipment from the United Nations Logistics Base at Brindisi, Italy, in order to minimize the costs of procurement for the Mission, and, to this purpose, requests the Secretary-General to speed up the implementation of the asset management system at all peacekeeping missions in accordance with General Assembly resolution 52/1 of 15 October 1997;

11. *Endorses* the observations and recommendations contained in the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;[2]

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take all necessary action to ensure that the Mission is administered with a maximum of efficiency and economy;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to reduce the cost of employing General Service staff, to continue efforts to employ locally recruited staff for the Mission against General Service posts, commensurate with the requirements of the Mission;

14. *Decides* to appropriate the amount of 427,061,800 dollars gross (410,091,700 dollars net) for the establishment and maintenance of the Mission for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000, inclusive of the amount of 200 million dollars authorized by its resolution 53/241;

15. *Decides also*, as an ad hoc arrangement, to apportion the amount of 302,061,800 dollars gross (285,091,700 dollars net) for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000, taking into account the amount of 125 million dollars already apportioned among Member States in accordance with Assembly resolution 53/241 and in accordance with the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of General Assembly resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, and taking into account the scale of assessments for the years 1999 and 2000, as set out in its resolution 52/215 A of 22 December 1997;

16. *Decides further* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraph 15 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 16,970,100 dollars approved for the Mission for the period from 10 June 1999 to 30 June 2000;

17. *Emphasizes* that no peacekeeping mission shall be financed by borrowing funds from other active peacekeeping missions;

18. *Encourages* the Secretary-General to continue to take additional measures to ensure the safety and security of all personnel under the auspices of the United Nations participating in the Mission;

19. *Invites* voluntary contributions to the Mission in cash and in the form of services and supplies acceptable to the Secretary-General, to be administered, as appropriate, in accordance with the procedure and practices established by the General Assembly;

20. *Regrets* that the report of the Secretary-General does not contain satisfactory explanation, and requests the Secretary-General to improve the presentation in his future reports on the budget of the Mission and submit them in a timely manner;

21. *Decides* to keep under review during its fifty-fourth session the agenda item entitled "Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo".

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Pattern of conferences

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Pattern of conferences

The General Assembly,

Recalling its relevant resolutions and decisions, including resolutions 40/243 of 18 December 1985, 43/222 of 21 December 1988, 47/202 of 22 December 1992, 48/222 of 23 December 1993, 49/221 of 23 December 1994, 50/11 of 2 November 1995, 50/206 of 23 December 1995, 51/211 of 18 December 1996 and 15 September 1997, 52/23 of 25 November 1997, 52/214 of 22 December 1997 and 53/208 of 18 December 1998 and decisions 38/401 of 23 September 1983 and 52/468 of 31 March 1998,

A

Calendar of conferences and meetings

Having considered the report of the Committee on Conferences,[1]

1. *Notes with appreciation* the work of the Committee on Conferences, and takes note of its report,[1] subject to the present resolution;

2. *Approves* the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

3. *Authorizes* the Committee on Conferences to make adjustments to the calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001 that may become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to provide all the conference services required as a result of decisions taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-fourth session, taking into

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/54/32).

[2] Ibid., annex.

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account, as necessary, the procedures established by the Assembly in its resolutions 41/213 of 19 December 1986 and 42/211 of 21 December 1987;

5. *Reaffirms* its decision that the headquarters rule shall be adhered to by all bodies, and decides that waivers to the headquarters rule shall be granted solely on the basis of the calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations recommended by the Committee on Conferences for adoption by the General Assembly;

6. *Notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat took into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 10 of section A of General Assembly resolution 53/208 with regard to the two holidays of Id al-Fitr, which falls on 8 January (to be observed on 7 January) and 27 December 2000, and Id al-Adha, which falls on 16 March 2000, when drafting the biennial calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001;

7. *Also notes with satisfaction* that the Secretariat took into account the arrangements referred to in paragraph 11 of section A of General Assembly resolution 53/208 concerning Orthodox Good Friday (which fell in 1999 on 9 April), which falls on 28 April 2000 and 13 April 2001, in the calendar for the next biennium, and requests all intergovernmental bodies to observe this decision when planning their meetings;

8. *Requests* the Secretary-General, when planning the calendar of conferences and meetings, to make every effort to avoid simultaneous peak periods at the various duty stations;

9. *Reaffirms* the provisions established by the General Assembly in its resolution 50/11 regarding multilingualism;

10. *Notes* that the procedure proposed in paragraph 172 of the report of the Committee on Conferences[1] precludes observers from fully participating in the work of the Committee;

11. *Invites* the Committee on Conferences to keep under review its procedure regarding the participation of observers;

B

Utilization of conference-servicing resources and facilities

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States,[3] the report of the Secretary-General on the improved utilization of conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[4] the report of the Secretary-General on the possibility of establishing a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi,[5] the report of the Secretary-General on the impact of economy measures on the delivery of mandated conference services,[6] the report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on these issues[7] and the report of the Secretary-General on career development in language services,[8]

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[3] A/54/208.

[4] A/54/221.

[5] A/54/262.

[6] A/53/833.

[7] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 7* (A/54/7), paras. 108-114.

[8] A/53/919 and Add.2.

1. *Notes with concern* the proposed reduction of resources for conference services for the biennium 2000-2001, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that efficiency measures are carefully analysed to avoid any negative impact on conference services, in the light of the level and quality of services provided to Member States;

2. *Emphasizes* the importance of providing adequate conference-servicing resources to all United Nations conference centres;

3. *Notes with appreciation* that the overall utilization factor for 1998 exceeded the benchmark of 80 per cent, in particular at Geneva and Vienna;

4. *Encourages* the optimum utilization of conference services in New York, taking into full consideration issues of efficiency and effectiveness, which should include the limitations of small delegations;

5. *Emphasizes*, therefore, the need to ensure equal opportunity for all Member States to participate fully in meeting their obligations under the Charter of the United Nations, and in this connection urges intergovernmental bodies when adopting their programmes of work to avoid, as much as possible, *inter alia*, the scheduling of simultaneous, parallel and/or late night meetings;

6. *Reiterates its request* to the Committee on Conferences to continue to consult with those bodies that consistently utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure of their allocated resources for the past three sessions, with a view to making appropriate recommendations in order to achieve the optimum utilization of conference-servicing resources;

7. *Requests* the Chairperson of the Committee on Conferences to transmit a letter to the chairpersons of all bodies that utilized less than the applicable benchmark figure (80 per cent) of their allocated conference resources in the previous year, informing them of the problem and drawing their attention to the significant loss of meeting time, with a view to encouraging appropriate action on their part so as to improve the utilization of conference-servicing resources;

8. *Notes* the importance of meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States for the smooth functioning of sessional bodies, in view of the increased requests for meetings of regional and other major groups, and welcomes the fact that 83 per cent of the requests for interpretation services for such meetings were met, while 100 per cent of the requests for facilities only were met;

9. *Notes with concern* the difficulties experienced by some Member States owing to the lack of conference services for some meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States;

10. *Regrets* that 17 per cent of the requests for interpretation services made by regional and other major groupings of Member States were not met, while recognizing that meetings of Charter and mandated bodies must be serviced as a priority;

11. *Decides* to include all necessary resources in the budget for the biennium 2000-2001 to provide interpretation services for meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States upon request by those groupings, on an ad hoc basis, in accordance with established practice, and requests the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Committee on Conferences, a report on the implementation of this decision;

12. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies to spare no effort at the planning stage to take into account meetings of regional and other major groupings of Member States, to make

provision for such meetings in their programme of work and to notify conference services, well in advance, of any cancellations so that unutilized conference-servicing resources may, to the extent possible, be reassigned to meetings of regional and other major groupings of States;

13. *Decides* that full interpretation services, in the six official languages, must be ensured for the meetings of intergovernmental bodies for the full duration of those meetings;

14. *Expresses concern* that the conference facilities at the United Nations Office at Nairobi are still underutilized, as recorded during the last reporting period;

15. *Reiterates its call* for better utilization of the conference facilities at Nairobi;

16. *Urges* all subsidiary bodies of the Governing Council of the United Nations Environment Programme and the Commission on Human Settlements and encourages Member States, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings to increase their use of the conference facilities at Nairobi;

17. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to assist the aforementioned bodies in improving this situation, and requests the Secretary-General to report to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session, through the Committee on Conferences, on the actions taken to this end;

18. *Takes note with appreciation* of the decision by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs to hold the Fifth Expert Group Meeting on Financial Issues of Agenda 21 at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

19. *Encourages* other departments, intergovernmental bodies and regional and other major groupings to follow the example set by the Department of Economic and Social Affairs;

20. *Also encourages* all United Nations bodies and expert groups not subject to the headquarters rule to hold some of their meetings at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

21. *Reaffirms* the general principle established in the headquarters rule, and, in particular, that all meetings related to environment and human settlements that are organized by the United Nations Environment Programme and the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements (Habitat), respectively, should be held at Nairobi, being the headquarters of the Programme and Habitat;

22. *Discourages strongly* any invitation for hosting meetings which would violate the headquarters rule, in particular for United Nations centres with a low utilization level;

23. *Requests* the Committee on Conferences to consider the possibility of holding its 2000 substantive session at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

24. *Decides* to establish a permanent interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Nairobi;

25. *Decides* to strengthen the interpretation service at the United Nations Office at Vienna;

26. *Encourages* the Secretariat to continue further the active dialogue between conference services and the secretariats of intergovernmental bodies, with a view to improving the provision of conference services;

27. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure an increase in the utilization of the regional centres in future work programmes and to report thereon to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

28. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to update the administrative instruction of 8 May 1987[9] on guidelines for the preparation of host Government agreements falling under General Assembly resolution 40/243 of 18 December 1985;

29. *Notes with appreciation* the renovation of the Economic and Social Council Chamber with the voluntary contribution of a Member State;

C

Documentation and publication-related matters

1. *Reiterates its decision* that if a report is submitted late to the conference services, the reasons for this should be included in a footnote to the document;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the texts of the resolutions adopted by the General Assembly are communicated to Member States within fifteen days after the close of the session;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the *Official Records* of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly include information on the adoption of the resolutions, such as voting records and sponsors, before the text of each resolution, in the six official languages of the Organization;

4. *Notes with deep concern* the low rate of compliance with the six-week rule for the issuance of documentation;

5. *Reiterates its request* to the Secretary-General to ensure that documentation is available in accordance with the six-week rule for the distribution of documents simultaneously in the six official languages of the General Assembly;

6. *Notes with deep concern* that the provisions of paragraphs 24 and 25 of section B of its resolution 52/214 and paragraphs 11 and 12 of section B of its resolution 53/208 are not being fully implemented;

7. *Reiterates its request* that the Secretary-General direct all departments to include, where appropriate, the following elements in reports originating in the Secretariat:

(a) A summary of the report;

(b) Consolidated conclusions, recommendations and other proposed actions;

(c) Relevant background information;

8. *Reiterates* that all documents submitted to legislative organs by the Secretariat and expert bodies for consideration and action should have conclusions and recommendations in bold print;

9. *Reiterates its request* to the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to submit its reports in accordance with paragraph 12 of section B of General Assembly resolution 53/208;

10. *Recalls* its decision in paragraph 2 (b) of part II of its resolution 41/213, and emphasizes that, in future, proposed programme budgets should be considered by the General Assembly in fascicle form, together with recommendations on them by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, and that the programme budgets should be issued in their final form after approval by the General Assembly with the changes to the resource level annexed to the approved programme budget;

[9] ST/AI/342

11. *Notes with concern* the decline in the number of documents submitted to conference services in time for processing before the beginning of a session, and requests the Secretary-General to take urgent remedial measures to rectify this alarming situation, including a system of responsibility and accountability;

12. *Requests* the Secretary-General to publish, prior to the fifty-fifth session of the General Assembly, updated versions of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations and the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation in the six official languages of the Organization;

13. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to publish the Staff Regulations and Rules of the United Nations in the six official languages of the Organization when their consolidation is completed;

14. *Urges* intergovernmental bodies, when feasible, to become more actively involved in rationalizing their meeting schedules in order to ensure the timely distribution of all related documentation, and requests the Secretary-General to submit proposals based on these reviews, through the Committee on Conferences, to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session;

D

Translation- and interpretation-related matters

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the provision of interpretation services to other locations from permanent interpretation structures in New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi[10] and the report of the Secretary-General on career development in language services: the post of reviser,[11]

1. *Requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to utilize new technologies, such as computer-assisted translation, remote translation, terminology databases and speech recognition, in the six official languages, so as to enhance further the productivity of conference services, and to keep the General Assembly informed of the introduction and use of any other new technology;

2. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to continue the efforts to ensure that training opportunities in the six official languages are equally available to all language staff, including those at duty stations away from Headquarters;

3. *Decides* that, in the absence of a General Assembly decision to the contrary, the use of remote interpretation shall not constitute an alternative to the current institutionalized system of interpretation;

4. *Also decides* that the use of remote interpretation may not affect the quality of interpretation and may not in itself lead to any further reduction in language posts, nor will it affect the equal treatment of the six official languages;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to keep under review the introduction and use of any new technology, in particular remote interpretation, and to report thereon to the General Assembly on a regular basis;

6. *Requests* that efforts should continue to be made to improve quality control of language services at all duty stations;

[10] A/54/176.

[11] A/53/919/Add.1.

7. *Takes note with appreciation* of the note by the Secretary-General on career development in language services – measures aimed at reducing excessive vacancy rates at some duty stations: elements of a system of managed assignments,[12] and requests the Secretary-General to keep the General Assembly informed of developments in this area;

8. *Notes with concern* that the rate of self-revision exceeded the established benchmark and even tended to increase at all duty stations;

9. *Recognizes* that an increase in the use of temporary assistance and contractual translation services could increase the need for revision at the senior levels;

10. *Notes* the concern that some documents issued in Arabic tend to follow a consistent pattern of excessively literal translation, by focusing more on the vocabulary, and not on the content of the original language, and requests the Secretary-General to ensure that this situation will be rectified;

11. *Requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that translation, as a principle, should reflect the specificity of each language;

12. *Also requests* the Secretary-General, in order to further improve the quality of translation of documents issued in the six official languages, to ensure continuous dialogue between translation staff and interpretation staff, among United Nations headquarters at New York, Geneva, Vienna and Nairobi, and between translation divisions and Member States with regard to the standardization of the terminology used;

13. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that Member States, which are the main users of United Nations documents, are briefed periodically on the terminology used;

14. *Decides* to keep the matter under review through consultations with Member States concerned;

E

Information technology

Having considered the report of the Secretary-General on the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations web sites,[12]

1. *Notes* the request of the Committee on Information that the Secretary-General continue to develop and enhance the United Nations web sites in all the official languages of the Organization and continue to develop proposals for consideration by the Committee on Information at its next session;

2. *Requests* the Secretary-General to improve and update the access and retrieval of documents from the United Nations web sites and from the optical disk system equally in the six official languages at all duty stations by March 2000;

3. *Also requests* the Secretary-General in formalizing the structure of the Information Technology Section to ensure that the six official languages are treated equally;

4. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to ensure that the goal of equal treatment of the six official languages is taken into account in the course of the continuous development, maintenance and enrichment of the United Nations web sites;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General to take necessary measures to improve access to the web page of the Procurement Division;

[12] A/AC.198/1999/6.

6. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to report on the measures taken pursuant to requests made under this section by the end of April 2000, and decides to revert to this matter during the resumed session of its fifty-fourth session;

F

Recalling its decision 38/401 of 23 September 1983, section E of its resolution 52/214 of 22 December 1997 and section E of its resolution 53/208 of 18 December 1998 concerning the prohibition of smoking in small conference rooms and the discouragement of smoking in large conference rooms,

1. *Calls upon* representatives of Member States to abide by its decision 38/401, section E of its resolution 52/214 and section E of its resolution 53/208;

2. *Encourages* all users of United Nations conference facilities, in order to avoid involuntary exposure to passive smoking, to refrain from smoking, in particular in conference rooms.

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Placement of the Republic of Kiribati for peacekeeping assessments

Draft decision

The General Assembly,

Decides as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that the Republic of Kiribati should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

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Placement of the Republic of Nauru for peacekeeping assessments

Draft decision

The General Assembly,

Decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraphs 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the General Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that the Republic of Nauru should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

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Placement of Tonga for peacekeeping assessments

Draft decision

The General Assembly decides, as an ad hoc arrangement, in respect of the composition of groups set out in paragraph 3 and 4 of its resolution 43/232 of 1 March 1989, as adjusted by the Assembly in its resolutions 44/192 B of 21 December 1989, 45/269 of 27 August 1991, 46/198 A of 20 December 1991, 47/218 A of 23 December 1992, 49/249 A of 20 July 1995, 49/249 B of 14 September 1995, 50/224 of 11 April 1996, 51/218 A to C of 18 December 1996 and 52/230 of 31 March 1998 and its decisions 48/472 A of 23 December 1993 and 50/451 B of 23 December 1995, for the apportionment of peacekeeping appropriations, that Tonga should be included in the group of Member States set out in paragraph 3 (d) of resolution 43/232 and that its contributions to peacekeeping operations should be calculated in accordance with the provisions of the relevant resolutions adopted and to be adopted by the Assembly regarding the scale of assessments.

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Agenda item 120
Programme planning

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Programme planning

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session,[1]

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the work of its thirty-ninth session;[1]

2. *Endorses* the conclusions and recommendations contained in the report of the Committee regarding the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations, programme planning and the provisional agenda for the fortieth session of the Committee;

3. *Also endorses* the conclusions and recommendations on coordination questions contained in paragraphs 560 to 565, 567 and 568, and 587 to 596 of the report of the Committee;[1]

4. *Notes* that, in the context of coordination questions, the proposals relating to performance indicators requested by the Committee for Programme and Coordination and contained in the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the United Nations System-wide Special Initiative for the Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s[2] have not been approved by the General Assembly;

5. *Notes* that the matter addressed in paragraph 566 of the report of the Committee is being considered by the General Assembly under a separate item of the agenda;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/54/16).
[2] E/AC.51/1999/6.

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6. *Urges* the Secretary-General to issue, as soon as possible, the rules in implementation of the revised Regulations Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation adopted by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session, taking fully into account the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination contained in paragraph 47 of its report;[1]

7. *Decides* to continue its consideration of the item entitled "Programme planning" during the resumed fifty-fourth session.

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Agenda item 164
Human resources management

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Human resources management

The General Assembly:

(a) Approves the amendments to the Staff Regulations proposed in the report of the Secretary-General;[1]

(b) Takes note of the amendments to the Staff Rules set out in the report of the Secretary-General;[2]

(c) Decides to continue its consideration of the item entitled "Human resources management", as a matter of priority, at its resumed fifty-fourth session.

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[1] A/54/276, annex.
[2] A/54/272, annex.

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Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 47/235 of 14 September 1993 on the financing of the Tribunal and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/212 of 18 December 1998,

Taking note of the budget performance report of the Tribunal for 1998[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon,

1. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of

[1] A/54/518 and Corr.1
[2] A/54/645
[3] A/54/395

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the Former Yugoslavia since 1991[1] as well as the failure to submit to it the report of the expert review group as requested in its resolution 53/212;

2. *Notes* with concern that, owing to the late submission of the report on the financing of the Tribunal, the General Assembly did not have adequate time to properly consider it;

3. *Requests* that future reports on the financing of the Tribunal be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue, as a matter of priority, the report of the expert review group in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to obtain comments and observations from the Tribunal on the report of the expert review group on the effective operation and functioning of the International Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia and the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994, and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further improve the workload indicators and to use them, as much as possible, as the basis to support the resources requested in the budget estimates;

7. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee[4] on the report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the judges of the Tribunals[5] concerning the establishment of a lump-sum payment for survivors of the judges;

8. *Also approves* the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 77 of its report,[2] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis subject to further review at its resumed session, to the Special Account for the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 a total amount of 106,149,400 United States dollars gross (95,942,600 dollars net) for the year 2000;

10. *Also decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the year 2000 under the Special Account shall take into account the amount of 2,740,700 dollars gross (2,578,100 dollars net), being the unencumbered balance for 1998, the estimated unencumbered balance of 8,200,000 dollars gross and net from the appropriation for 1999 and the estimated income of 5,200 dollars for 2000, which shall be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 47,601,750 dollars gross (42,582,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000;

12. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 47,601,750 dollars gross (42,582,250 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for the year 2000;

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[4] A/54/646, para. 75.

[5] A/C.5/54/30.

13. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 10,039,000 dollars approved for the Tribunal for the year 2000;

14. *Welcomes* contributions already made to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the Tribunal, and invites Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Tribunal;

15. *Decides* to continue consideration of this agenda item during its resumed fifty-fourth session.

Annex

Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991

	Gross	*Net*
	(United States dollars)	
Appropriation for the year 2000	106 149 400	95 942 600
Less		
Estimated unencumbered balance for the year 1999	(8 200 000)	(8 200 000)
Unencumbered balance for the year 1998	(2 740 700)	(2 578 100)
Estimated income for the year 2000	(5 200)	-
Balance to be assessed for the year 2000	95 203 500	85 164 500
Including		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	47 601 750	42 582 250
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the peacekeeping budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	47 601 750	42 582 250

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Draft resolution submitted by the Vice-Chairman following informal consultations

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

The General Assembly,

Taking note of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994[1] and the related report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions,[2]

Recalling its resolution 49/251 of 20 July 1995 on the financing of the Tribunal and its subsequent resolutions thereon, the latest of which was resolution 53/213 of 18 December 1998,

[1] A/54/521
[2] A/54/646 and Add.1

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Taking note of the budget performance report for the Tribunal for 1998[3] and the comments of the Advisory Committee thereon,

1. *Deeply regrets* the delay in the submission of the report of the Secretary-General on the financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994,[1] as well as the failure to submit to it the report of the expert review group as requested in its resolution 53/213;

2. *Notes* with concern that, owing to the late submission of the report on the financing of the Tribunal, the General Assembly did not have adequate time to properly consider it;

3. *Requests* that future reports on the financing of the Tribunal be submitted by 1 October of the year in which they are considered;

4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to issue, as a matter of priority, the report of the expert review group in the six official languages of the United Nations;

5. *Also requests* the Secretary-General to obtain comments and observations from the Tribunal on the report of the expert review group on the effective operation and functioning of the International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 and to submit them, through the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions, to the General Assembly for consideration at its resumed fifty-fourth session;

6. *Further requests* the Secretary-General to further improve the workload indicators and to use them, as much as possible, as the basis to support the resources requested in the budget estimates;

7. *Approves* the recommendations of the Advisory Committee[4] on the report of the Secretary-General on conditions of service for the judges of the Tribunals[5] concerning the establishment of a lump-sum payment for survivors of the judges;

8. *Also approves* the budgetary recommendations of the Advisory Committee as contained in paragraph 71 of its report,[6] subject to the provisions of the present resolution;

9. *Decides* to appropriate, on a provisional basis subject to further review at its resumed session, to the Special Account for the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 a total amount of 86,154,900 United States dollars gross (78,170,200 dollars net) for the year 2000;

10. *Also decides* that the financing of the appropriation for the year 2000 under the Special Account shall take into account the amount of 2,000,000 dollars gross (1,816,000 dollars net), being the estimated unencumbered balance as at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998 for the biennium 1998-1999, which shall

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[3] A/54/496 and Corr.1

[4] A/54/646, para. 75

[5] A/C.5/54/30

[6] A/54/646

be set off against the aggregate amount of the appropriation, as detailed in the annex to the present resolution;

11. *Further decides* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000;

12. *Decides* to apportion the amount of 42,077,450 dollars gross (38,177,100 dollars net) among Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to peacekeeping operations for the year 2000;

13. *Also decides* that, in accordance with the provisions of its resolution 973 (X) of 15 December 1955, there shall be set off against the apportionment among Member States, as provided for in paragraphs 11 and 12 above, their respective share in the Tax Equalization Fund of the estimated staff assessment income of 7,800,700 dollars approved for the Tribunal for the year 2000;

14. *Welcomes* contributions already made to the Voluntary Fund to support the activities of the Tribunal, and invites Member States and other interested parties to make further voluntary contributions to the Tribunal;

15. *Decides* to continue consideration of this item during its resumed fifty-fourth session.

Annex

Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994

	Gross	Net
	(United States dollars)	
Appropriation for the year 2000	86 154 900	78 170 200
Less		
Estimated unencumbered balance at the end of 1999 after absorption of overexpenditure recorded as at the end of 1998	(2 000 000)	(1 816 000)
Balance to be assessed for the year 2000	84 154 900	76 354 200
Including		
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the regular budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	42 077 450	38 177 100
Contributions assessed on Member States in accordance with the scale of assessments applicable to the peacekeeping budget of the United Nations for the year 2000	42 077 450	38 177 100

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Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations

The General Assembly,

Recalling its decision 49/470 of 23 December 1994,

1. *Decides* that, from the date of adoption of the present resolution and without prejudice to the relevant financial regulations and rules of the United Nations, all financial contributions of Belarus and Ukraine to the Organization, including those for which assessments were issued prior to 1996, shall be taken into account when determining whether the amount of their arrears, as calculated in accordance with decision 49/470, equals or exceeds the amount of the contributions due from Belarus and Ukraine for the preceding two full years in accordance with Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations;

2. *Emphasizes* that this decision shall not exempt Belarus and Ukraine from their obligation to pay all outstanding contributions, and calls upon Belarus and Ukraine to make proposals for the treatment of their arrears concerning the financing of peacekeeping operations;

3. *Decides* to keep this matter under review.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

Draft resolution submitted by the Chairman following informal consultations

Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/1, 54/2 and 54/3 of 14 September 1999,

Also recalling the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions with respect to the assessment of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga as non-member States,[1]

Further recalling its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 E of 18 December 1998 and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992,

1. *Decides* that the rate of assessment for Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga, admitted to membership of the United Nations on 14 September 1999, should be 0.001 per cent for 1999 and 2000;

2. *Also decides* that the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga for 1999 should be calculated on the basis of one twelfth of their rate of assessment for 1999 per full calendar month of membership and that a corresponding adjustment should be made in their assessments for 1999 as non-member States;

3. *Further decides* that the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga for 1999 and 2000 should otherwise be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peacekeeping operations, the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/51/11), sect. V, and ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/53/11), chap. V.

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and Tonga, as determined by the group of Member States to which they may be assigned by the Assembly, should be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

4. *Decides* that the 1999 assessments of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga should be taken into account as miscellaneous income in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

5. *Also decides* that, for 2000, the rate of assessment for Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga should be added to the scale of assessments established by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A;

6. *Further decides* that, in accordance with financial regulation 5.8, the advances of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga to the Working Capital Fund should be calculated by the application of their rate of assessment of 0.001 per cent to the authorized level of the Fund and should be added to the Fund pending the incorporation of their rate of assessment in a 100 per cent scale.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[2]

Recalling its resolution 53/36 C of 18 December 1998,

1. *Decides* that the Committee on Contributions should not consider further the questions covered in paragraphs 69 and 70 and 73 and 74 of its report;

2. *Requests* the Committee to further consider measures to encourage the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions and to make appropriate recommendations, pursuant to its general mandate under paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 14 A (I) of 13 February 1946.

C

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/207 B of 11 April 1996, 52/215 B of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 B, 53/36 C and 53/36 D of 18 December 1998,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[3]

Reaffirming the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization should be apportioned among Member States broadly according to their capacity to pay, as specified in rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to prevent financial difficulties for the United Nations;

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/54/11), chap. IV, sect. C.

[3] Ibid., chap. IV, sects. A and B.

2. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Urges* all Member States in arrears requesting exemption under Article 19 to provide the fullest possible supporting information, including information on economic aggregates, government revenues and expenditure, foreign exchange resources, indebtedness, difficulties in meeting domestic or international financial obligations, and any other information that might support the claim that failure to make necessary payments had been due to conditions beyond the control of the Member States;

4. *Decides* that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly:

(a) Recalls its resolution 53/36 G of 28 July 1999;

(b) Decides that Georgia is permitted to vote under Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations until 30 June 2000;

(c) Decides also that, if Georgia requests further exemption under Article 19, it should submit a request in this respect in accordance with the provisions of General Assembly resolution 54/__ of __ December 1999, whereby requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

The General Assembly decides to continue consideration of agenda item 125, entitled "Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations", as a matter of priority at the first part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, and to approve no later than the last day of the first part of its resumed fifty-fourth session, the methodology that would instruct the Committee on Contributions to recommend to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session a scale of assessments for the period 2001-2003.

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